



Schumacher Lecture: Regenerative Markets in a Pan-Asian perspective 9th July 4 - 6pm UK time

‘An awakening around the planet is underway. This awakening is linked to an emerging awareness of the deep interconnection of all Beings upon the Living Planet, as we experience the upheaval of the Anthropocene’s changing climate. I believe it is within responsively relational values, rooted in care for all beings, that hope resides. In my experience, the deepest and most sustainable shift in consciousness and care initiates within, catalysing healing change in the world—and the world as ‘Self.’ I have witnessed this shift with local actors, spiritual leaders and global decision-makers across Asia and around the planet. Sacred / Spiritual Ecology, seeded within a myriad of belief systems and traditional environmental wisdom, offers insights for healing our planet and ourselves.....’

Emilie Parry Rootbridge Ecosystems <http://adaptationlearningnetwork.com/organisation/rootbridge>



Schumacher Lecture: The Transformative Potential of the Not-for-Profit Economy 6th July 4 - 6pm UK time

‘.....the institutional layers of ‘profit-orientation’ and ‘legal purpose’ play a key role in determining a firm’s behaviour.Therefore, the most common business structures in an economy play an essential role in generating the system dynamics seen on the macro-level of the economy.

Iexplore the emergence of not-for-profit forms of business and explore how an economy made up of institutions designed to deliver social benefit might lead to very different system dynamics. In doing so, I ...present a range of scenarios developed using systems analysis methods to explore how legal business frameworks shape system behaviour on the macro level of the economy.....I explore the potential of different business structures as a key leverage point for systemic transformation to a more socially and ecologically sustainable economy.

Jennifer Hinton, Stockholm Resilience Centre <https://stockholmresilience.org/contact-us/staff/2017-02-28-hinton.html>



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‘The convergence of events we are witnessing is a symptom of a wider process of global systemic decline. This convergence is happening due to the unsustainable nature of a system that can no longer keep going in its current form without sparking further crisis. The ultimate hidden driver is a way of living and being premised on self-maximization through plunder of the ‘Other’: whether Others are different humans, different species, or the planet itself.

That is what the Black Lives Matter protests are. They are an uproar from centuries of [inter-generational trauma](#) rooted in the systematic enslavement from which the modern industrial capitalist world system emerged, a system that is now in ‘overshoot’ of planetary boundaries. And so the crisis of white supremacy in the United States is not just about America and it’s not just about race: it’s about the Earth, and how American racism represents our broken relationship with our own planet.’

Nafeez Ahmed



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Alternative paradigms: ‘The precarious situation of a world economy that has outgrown the planet’s capacity, while still failing to universally meet human needs has led to a search for new and alternative economic paradigms.

Post-Keynesian economics pinpoints the need to consider deep uncertainty and the possibility of governments to intervene in the economy

Ecological economics sets the ecological and biophysical frame within which human development has to take place

Institutional economics offers critical analyses to examine how institutions affect human behaviour and how human behaviour feeds back on institutions

System dynamics offers practical tools to critically examine the coherence of different perspectives and explore what-if scenarios by simulation

David will apply these insights to SDGs in the Post-Covid world



Schumacher Lecture 7th July, 4 – 6 pm

‘Corona is revealing to the wider community that its miserably paid armies of people in precarious work, hitherto dismissed as ‘low skill’, who really keep our societies going: the couriers, the nurses, the supermarket checkout staff, the care workers, the refuse collectors. They are now the ones who keep the shop open, who keep our streets clean, who deliver books and groceries to our door to help us get through lockdown. They are the ones who ensure our wellbeing these days.

Whereas the highly paid top managers are nowhere to be seen in such a terrain.

This should make us take a renewed interest in rather boring seeming and less glamorous aspects of our economy: schools, hospitals, the food industry (the so-called ‘foundational economy’). We should hold on to a new recognition of the importance of local supply chains.’

Katherine Trebeck –